

<b>NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN</b>		<b>No. 00-124</b>
<b>TO:</b>	All Sponsors of National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools	<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> March 2001
<b>ATTENTION:</b>	Food Services Directors	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Food Safety Inspection Oversight	
<b>REFERENCE:</b>	All Points Bulletin SP-00-15; SA-9-1-GEN; Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR) 210.13(b); 7 CFR 220.7(a-2); Management Bulletin 99-103; Management Bulletin 99-807; Public Law 105-336 Section 102(c)	

This Management Bulletin clarifies requirements for school nutrition program food safety inspections. A copy of the regulations may be found in 7 CFR 210.13(b) and 220.7(a-2).

As outlined in Public Law 105-336 Section 102(c), Management Bulletins 99-103 and 99-807, and 7 CFR 210.13(b) and 220.7(a-2), sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) are required to obtain annual food safety inspections at each site from a state or local government agency responsible for such inspections. Schools that must comply with state or local requirements for food-safety inspections, even if those inspections are required less often than once a year, are exempt from this requirement. There is no state requirement for food-safety inspections in California, although inspections may be mandated by some county health agencies. In certain localities, schools may submit to voluntary health and safety inspections; in such cases, voluntary inspections performed at least once a year will constitute compliance with the federal food safety inspection requirement.

The Nutrition Services Division (NSD) is responsible for verifying that all required food safety inspections have occurred. NSD staff will verify safety inspection compliance during the sponsor's Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) or other monitoring visit. If any food safety inspections cite violations, NSD staff must also verify evidence that the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional Division representative, Field Services Unit, at (916) 323-4558 or (800) 952-5609.

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